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**Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
Expedited Procedure - Art Unit 1636**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of:

F.R. Bloom *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/227,742

Filed: January 8, 1999

For: **Method for Increasing Viability
and Transformation Efficiency
of Bacteria During Storage at
at Low Temperatures**

Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: Yucel, I.

Atty. Docket: 0942.4770003/RWE/GER

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Attention: Box AF

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2000 (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 12) ("the Office Action"), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.